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Attorney Docket No.	TI-31729
First Named Inventor or Application Identifier	Guoqiang Xing, et al.
Title	Dual Hardmask Process for the Formation of Copper/Low-K Interconnects
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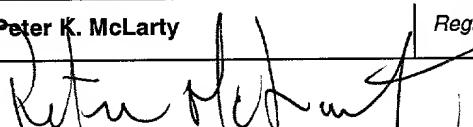
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Independent Claims	3	-3** =	0 x 80 =	0.00
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102	82	202	41	Independent Claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claims in excess of 3
109	82	209	41	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
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